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Jury Convicts District Man of Murder, Obstruction Charges Stemming From 2003 Slaying of Homeless Man

WASHINGTON - Alfred Evans, 28, of Washington, D.C., was convicted by a jury today of charges stemming from the April 2003 murder of Reginald Brighthart, a 35-year-old homeless man, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

The jury returned its verdict following a week-long trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Evans was convicted of charges of first degree felony murder while armed and obstruction of justice. The Honorable Lynn Leibovitz scheduled his sentencing for June 29, 2011. Evans faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

According to the government's evidence, Evans, who uses the nickname "Stink," and Frank Johnson, who uses the nickname "J.R.," killed the victim in the early morning hours of April 7, 2003. Evidence showed that Johnson first attacked Mr. Brighthart in front of an apartment in the 2800 block of Robinson Place SE. He and Evans then chased the victim into an abandoned apartment. Johnson and Evans forced Mr. Brighthart to put his head in a toilet and beg for his children before they shot him to death.

Evans later attempted to obstruct justice by placing phone calls from his jail cell in hopes of silencing a witness against him.

Johnson, now 30, was convicted for his role in this murder following a jury trial in 2009. He was sentenced to 58 years in prison by the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr.

In announcing the verdict rendered today, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the efforts of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Cold Case/Major Case Detectives Darryl Richmond and Mitchell Credle, and Mobile Crime Officers Kemper Agee, James Savage and Kevin Jeter. Detective Richmond was praised for his tenacity in investigating this case. Detectives Richmond and Credle were also lauded for obtaining two statements from Evans which proved instrumental in this verdict. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of U.S. Attorney Office employees Paul Howell, Thomas (Ron) Royal, Kimberley Smith, Joshua Ellen, and William Henderson of the Litigation Support Services Unit; Paralegal Alesha Matthews Yette, and Victim

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Witness Assistant Unit Security Specialist Maretta L. Forrest. He further commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deborah Sines and Michelle Jackson, who were involved in the investigation and presentation of evidence during several trials involving this murder.

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